

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02732-EGS**

SPARACINO PLLC v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TREASURY  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/12/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/12/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>FOR VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</i> against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6374012) filed by SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Branson, Joshua) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/12/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Andrew Edward Goldsmith on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Goldsmith, Andrew) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/12/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew M. Duffy on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/16/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zeg) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 09/23/19. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/23/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/23/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/23/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 9/23/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Duffy, Matthew) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/23/2019	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than November 20, 2019. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of Plaintiff's FOIA requests; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA requests; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA requests; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/24/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order For Further Proceedings due by 11/20/2019. (mac) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
11/20/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/20/2019)
11/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than December 20, 2019, informing the Court of the status of Defendant's searches and proposing a recommendation for further

		proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/21/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 11/21/2019)
11/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2019. (mac) (Entered: 11/21/2019)